

FPT IGA DMs – February 15, 2022
Emergencies Act Discussion

PCO

- Create tools for police to use
- Some authorities will be geographically limited others like financial orders cover the whole country
- National picture remains precarious, some progress over the last few days
- Coutts, AB is cleared
- Emerson MB is still blocked, also a blizzard there now
- Social media plays role for comms for protesters, Feds are monitoring
- Threat picture – extremists participating in the protest – remains a concern
- Ottawa- less protesters than on the weekend, but little progress from weekend – signs of violence and weapons among participants
- Foreign interference – don't see foreign state entities participating, there are foreign nationals participating in protests, GiveSendGo – appears 60% of donations were from the US
- The declaration prohibits public assemblies etc. direct person s to render essential goods – tow trucks, stop rendering financial assistance, ability to impose fines
- 2 rules will becoming later this afternoon
- 1. Law order- define where authority will apply – targeting critical infrastructure, airports, ports of entry
- Infraction for any adult for bringing any children near the illegal assemblies (prohibit using children as human shields) – this will be a new tool
- Can be enforced by any police – municipal, provincial, RCMP
- Allow CBSA to prevent foreign nationals from entering Canada to attend these assemblies, let's agent ask more direct questions
- Allow law enforcement to Seize and block protesters bringing additional food and supplies to protesters already setup at certain geographically limited spots – critical infrastructure
- Not displacing any existing law enforcement jurisdiction, only supplementing it
- RCMP will not go into an area unless they are requested to do so – border crossing, airports etc for Ontario and Quebec, the RCMP will be enable to issue tickets
- 2. Financial – make sure all financial institutions are included, so it applies to all of Canada
- BC – geographically limited nature of critical infrastructure – specific lists of individual sites or just all ports of entry
- PCO – no includes all port of entry
- Ex.) Parliamentary precinct in Ottawa – protesters are in more than just this area though so a definition here will need to be larger in Ottawa – Minister of Public Safety will have to define the zone
- MB – Federal Cabinet met Sunday night to discuss?
- PCO – yes

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- PCO – not certain
- 3 incident response group meetings chaired by the PM since Thursday – readouts were released
- MB – first we heard about Act was during the FMM call and media reports
- Mandatory consultation – adequacy of consultation does not appear to have been adequate
- We had more time to discuss this in 2020
- PCO – Sunday situation became clear it was not under control and more authority would be needed
- MB – we’re not aware of threats to the Security of Canada in relation to Emerson MB, maybe there is in Ottawa or elsewhere?
- Does national RCMP or CSIS know something?
- PCO – it’s a volatile situation
- Saw weapons seized at Coutts yesterday
- Ambassador Bridge blockade caused serious trade and economic disruptions with the US, PM had to discuss with President Biden – this an example of national implication
- MB – MB RCMP not aware of guns or threats in Emerson – why is this beyond existing police capacity – there are 16 other border crossings that can be used
- How do Feds meet threshold – doesn’t seem to be beyond MB capacity?
- Could apply to just Ontario?
- PCO – financials need to apply everywhere
- QC – if this happens again we need a better consultation process for Premiers and PTs, this doesn’t seem to have been the case this time – notice was very late
- Hope we don’t need to use this again but we can learn something from how this was rolled out
- AB – Coutts was largely resolved before Emergencies Act powers were available
- When will the rationale be released publicly?
- PCO – more info. In letter to Premiers, rationale tabled for debate in Parliament
- ON – share concerns around consultation process, in a different position here than other PTs, concerned about trade impacts
- Support a very targeted approach
- PCO
- Both houses will have to approve, amend or repeal the declaration and the rules
- Rules have a 30 day time limit and consultation is necessary to renew them
- Financial – banks and others monitor whether they possess property – bank accounts, insurance policies that are owned by someone in the blockades, monitoring if someone is getting funding
- Police can provides list of participants to banks and the bank will have to stop any operations with the account in question
- MB – vehicle registration cancellation, how would this work?

- PCO – not part of what we are proposing, under most provincial regulations when a truck doesn't have insurance the license is then suspended as a condition of having a license
- Tabling two new orders today – could table more regulations in the coming days if needed by law enforcement or PTs
- MB – geographically limited application? Will it apply to all areas of the country?
- PCO – could have gone for smaller zones but haven't due to financial zones, don't plan to narrow down at this point
- We are currently targeting critical infrastructure across Canada
- Ottawa is different
- Public Safety Minister can design additional geographic areas
- AB – in cases where the RCMP is the force with jurisdiction like AB is there any difference?
- PCO – yes no difference, Feds are not directing police of existing jurisdiction
- AB – Munis enforce?
- PCO – Munis can enforce someone coming with a minor to a protest
- AB – tow trucks/
- PCO – more about the vehicles and resources not so much drivers, cannot harm person under Chart
- PCO – hear points of view
- More technical briefings to come – FPT transport and public safety, law enforcement table